

JAMAICA POND (Boston)

General Information:

This deep, 68-acre natural great pond is located approximately a mile south of Route 9 in Boston. Maximum depth is 53 feet; average depth 25 feet. The bottom is predominantly sand overlain by muck. Emergent aquatic vegetation is scant, although submerged vegetation is common during the summer in shallow areas.

No private boats or ice fishing are allowed on this pond, but it is surrounded by a park owned by the Boston Parks Commission and shoreline access is excellent. Despite the urban surroundings and high recreational use of the area, it maintains considerable aesthetic appeal. Street parking is available on Perkins Street, which runs right along the northern cove, or on numerous side streets off Jamaica Way (Pond Street). During the warmer months boats are available for rental at the pavilion on the east side of the pond off Jamaica Way.

Fish Populations:

A fisheries survey conducted in 1980 indicated the pond contained brook trout, rainbow trout, largemouth bass, chain pickerel, yellow perch, pumpkinseed and bluegill. The pond is generously stocked with trout every spring and fall, and is also stocked with broodstock salmon whenever they are obtainable.

Fishing:

This is a good trout pond in an urban area, so naturally it gets fished pretty hard in the spring, and also on warm summer evenings. Night fishing is not recommended, as the area is not secure. Best action for stocked trout appears to be along the northern and western shores. The occasional catch of a large brown trout here indicates that some trout "carry over" from year to year. The broodstock salmon provide an exciting bonus, and will continue to be stocked annually as long as they are available.

Don't overlook the warm water fishing at this pond. Bass fishermen enjoy fair action during the summer months, particularly in the area around the island at the mouth of the northern cove. This pond also has excellent yellow perch of large average size.

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